

The ACT is seeking to promote awareness of the College and to encourage veterinary students to aspire to Diplomate status after graduation. As part of these goals, we have set up a Student Outreach Fund. The purpose of this fund is to facilitate travel and related expenses for non-local ACT Diplomates invited by student groups to visit and teach at veterinary schools. We hope that these visits will stimulate student enthusiasm for and interest in the College by broadening students' awareness of the many opportunities open to our Diplomates. This opportunity is open to all student groups. It is not required that the school has an active Student Chapter of the Society for Theriogenology. Each school must designate one student as its representative.

Amount: The ACT will pay up to \$1000 in travel-related and/or associated speaking expenses per application for up to 5 invited Diplomates annually. Each student group can submit more than one application per year. However, in the event that more than 5 quality proposals are received, preference will be given to those student groups that have not yet received an award.

Overview: Each student group is encouraged to submit one or more proposals outlining their plans for inviting a specific Diplomate to visit their Veterinary College. Invited Diplomates must not be affiliated with the student applicants' Veterinary College and must be an individual with whom the students would otherwise not have an interaction. The invited Diplomate should agree to provide education to the students. Education can be in the form of formal lectures, wet labs, round table discussions, etc. Topics can be of the students' and/or Diplomate's choosing but must in some way promote awareness of the discipline of theriogenology in general and, more specifically, should highlight one or more of the many varied advantages that Diplomate status carries.

Funds Available: 5 x \$1,000 stipends will be available annually.

Recommended Procedure: Interested student groups first should identify a Diplomate that they would like to invite to their school. Your faculty advisor is likely to be an excellent resource in choosing the right person and in selecting a topic that is of interest to your group. The student representative then should contact the Diplomate to confirm his or her interest in the program. Once the Diplomate has agreed to the visit, an application should be completed by the student group and submitted to the Awards Committee of the American College of Theriogenologists.

Application Process:

1) Interested student groups should complete an application form available from the American College of Theriogenologists main office or from the website. In addition to information on the student group and the visiting Diplomate, the application must include a detailed description of the proposed program and a budget. If costs of Diplomate travel and/or other program expenses will exceed the \$1,000 stipend, then the student group must provide additional information on how these expenses will be covered.

2) A letter of support from a representative of the Veterinary College must accompany the application. This letter must document that the Veterinary College supports the proposal and will allow use of its facilities if and as needed to support the program (e.g., lecture hall, hospital space, animals, etc.)

Only those proposals deemed appropriate will be approved for funding. Award money must be spent within 10 months of notification that a proposal has been funded.

Deadlines for Application:

Completed applications must be received by the Chair of the ACT Awards Committee by November 1. Applications should be saved as MS Word files and sent in electronic form. Members of the Awards Committee will review all proposals and will make ranked recommendations to the ACT Executive Board in time for the Board's annual winter meeting. Rankings will be reviewed and approved by the Board. Student groups will be notified of the final decisions by February 15. Successful groups will be responsible for notifying the visiting Diplomate of the status of the application.

Student Outreach Funds Application Form

University Affiliation:

Student Group:

Estimated Number of Participating Students:

Designated Student Representative/Contact Person:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

Faculty Contact Person:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

Invited Diplomate:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

Proposed Date(s) of Program:

Title of Program:

Format of Program (i.e., lecture, wet lab, round table, other (if other, please explain). Do not exceed space provided.

Student Outreach Funds Application Form (Continued)

Program Description (limit 1 page, single spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font, minimum of 1 inch margins)

If this program involves laboratories, please use additional pages to describe facilities available for use, animal availability, equipment availability, etc. You basically need to show us that you CAN do what you are proposing to do.

If live animals are involved, the use of these animals for the purposes listed in this proposal must be approved by the University's Animal Care and Use Committee. Has this approval been obtained? Yes No

Approval Number _____

Budget:

Diplomate Travel Budget:

Airfare:

Hotel:

Ground Transportation:

Meals:

Other:

Total: _____

Other Expenses:

If there will be additional costs involved with your proposal (above and beyond the \$1,000 stipend), please list them here.

Please also provide assurance that these additional costs will be covered. You need to show us that you can pay for what you are proposing.

NOTE: If application and budget are approved, funds will be dispersed. However, ACT MUST receive copies of all receipts documenting expenditures within thirty (30) days of completion of program.

**Send Applications to:
American College of Theriogenologists
Attn: Student Outreach Program
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Montgomery, AL 36109-3065**

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